

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO )  
THE COURT'S DATA BASE )  
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General Order # 140

On December 7, 1992 the Court entered General Order 85 which waived the fee for electronic access to the court's data base. At that time, the court took notice that the assessment of a fee for public documents may adversely affect services rendered to members of the bar and public, and,

The Court having a long history of providing free public electronic access and this has been widely used and supported by the bar and public, and

The Court taking notice that Idaho has a significantly higher electronic public access rate than comparable sized courts, and

The Court being committed to reducing the cost of litigation as required by the Civil Justice Reform Act, and

The Court strongly supporting equal access to all persons irrespective if those individuals happen to live in cities with court locations, and

The Court now is experimenting with an imaging project and Internet project which provides free remote access to electronic information such as court files, calendars, and rules, and

The Court finding that access to this electronic information reduces the cost to the government and improves the administration of justice, NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that no fee will be collected to access files on Idaho's Internet Web Page until the imaging/Internet project is evaluated at the end of a year long testing period. At that time, the court will review the evaluation results and inquire if the Judicial Conference of the United States has developed an Internet fee policy.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1997.

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EDWARD J. LODGE,  
Chief District Judge

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JIM D. PAPPAS,  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge